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Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments and appointment of eight members by the President of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to its resolution 2000/22 and its decision 2016/205, the Economic and Social Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council. The Forum consists of 16 members, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on indigenous issues for a period of three years, with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period. Eight members are to be nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2016/205, and eight members are to be appointed by the President of the Council following formal consultation with the Bureau and regional groups through their coordinators on the basis of broad consultations with indigenous organizations.

2. In 2016, at its coordination and management meetings, to be held from 4 to 6 April, the Economic and Social Council will be called upon to elect eight members according to the following pattern, as outlined in decision 2016/205.

(a) One member from African States;

(b) Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

(c) One member from Eastern European States;

(d) Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Two members from Western European and other States.

3. The terms of office of the new members of the Permanent Forum would begin on 1 January 2017 and expire on 31 December 2019. The current membership of the Permanent Forum is listed in the annex to the present note.

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4. In a note verbale dated 8 December 2015, the Secretary-General invited Governments to submit, by 1 January 2016, their nominations for membership in the Permanent Forum. A list of the persons thus nominated is set out below. Biographical information on the candidates will be issued in document E/2016/Add.6.

5. The eight members nominated by indigenous organizations and appointed by the President of the Council will be communicated separately to members of the Council.

Nominees

African States

Gervais Nzoa[a] (Cameroon)

Asia-Pacific States

Seyed Mohsen Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Eastern European States

Oliver Loode[a] (Estonia)
Aisa Mukabenova[a] (Russian Federation)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Jesus Guadalupe Fuentes Blanco (Mexico)
Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)
Gabriel Muyuy Jacanamejoy (Colombia)

Western European and other States

Jens Dahl (Denmark)
Brian Keane (United States of America)

[a] Seeking re-election.

Annex

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

(16 members; three-year term)

Membership from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016

Eight experts elected by the Council

Megan Davis (Australia)*
Alvaro Esteban Pop Ac (Guatemala)*
Oliver Loode (Estonia)
Aisa Mukabenova (Russian Federation)
Joseph Goko Mutangah (Kenya)
Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon)
Mohammad Hassani Nejad Pirkhouhi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Eight experts appointed by the President of the Council

Raja Devasish Roy (Bangladesh)*
Dalee Sambo Dorough (United States)*
Edward John (Canada)*
Valmaine Toki (New Zealand)*
Mariam Wallet Abubacrine (Mali)
Kara-kys Arakchaa (Russian Federation)
Joan Carling (Philippines)
Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe (Bolivia)

* Currently serving for a second term.

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The following persons have been nominated by their Governments for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:*

Seyed Mohsen Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Oliver Loode** (Estonia)
Aisa Mukabenova** (Russian Federation)
Gervais Nzoa** (Cameroon)
Jesús Guadalupe Fuentes Blanco (Mexico)
Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)
Gabriel Muyuy Jacanemejoy (Colombia)
Jens Dahl (Denmark)
Brian Keane (United States of America)

2. The curricula vitae of the candidates is set out in the annex to the present note.

* Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum and list of nominees from Governments is contained in document E/2016/9/Add.5.
** Seeking re-election.

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Annex

Curricula vitae of the candidates for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

African States

Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon)

Profession

Development specialist — Trainer

Training

1997-2001 Pan African Institute for Development, Central Africa

Diplomas obtained:
- Development technical staff diploma
- MSc graduate – Master (DESS) project planning management
- Local development and management of natural resources certificate
- Project planning management, monitoring and evaluation certificate
- Social economic studies certificate
- Training of trainers certificate

1985-1990 University of Yaoundé

Diploma obtained: Master of Laws (Maîtrise en droit)

Key qualifications

- Expert in social and economic studies
- Expert in training of trainers
- Expert in project management, monitoring and evaluation
- Expert in local development and management of natural resources

Professional experience

2014-2016 Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

2010 Programme Officer, pilot project to support local sustainable development in the border area of eastern Cameroon, United Nations Development Programme, Yaoundé

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

2004	Coordinator, Centre d'Accompagnement des Alternatives Locales de Développement, Yaoundé
2002	Social science consultant, UN-Habitat, Abong-Mbang, Mbalmayo
2001-2002	Head of the regional office, Centre de recherche et d'action pour le développement durable en Afrique centrale (CERAD), Bertoua-Dimako, East Region, Kribi, South Region
2001-2002	Facilitator for area 3.2, Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project (COTCO), Nanga-Eboko, Minta, Nsem, Bibey
1994-1999	Head of rural outreach/agricultural community programmes, Centre for self-sustained development (CeDAC), Sangmélima-Ebolowa, South Region

Languages

Bikélé/Badjoue, Nzimé/Baka, Bulu/Eton, French, English

Asia-Pacific States

Seyed Mohsen Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Education

- B.A Political Science, 1982-1987, Teheran
- M.A Political Science, 1987-1989, Teheran

Current position

Director: Office of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran (since 2011)

Work experience with the United Nations

- Counselor, Permanent Mission of Iran to the United Nations, New York, 2007-2010, Third Committee (cultural and social affairs)

  Member of the Iranian delegation, Human Rights Council since 2010

  Member of Iranian delegation, General Assembly, sixty-first to sixty-ninth sessions

  Government delegate, Commission for Social Development (forty-sixth, forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions)

  Government delegate, Commission on the Status of Women (fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions)

  Member, United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 2004-2006

  Participation at the seventh, eighth and ninth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

  Chairman, drafting group of the General Assembly resolution on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

  Member, drafting committee on the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action from the Asian Group (2000-2001)

  Chairman, drafting committee of the Asian Meeting on the fight against racism, Tehran (2000)

- Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Iran to the United Nations, Geneva, 2000- 2004

  Commission on Human Rights (fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, sixtieth and sixty-first sessions)

  Member, drafting working group on Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture

  Member, drafting working group on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances

Member of the Bureau of the World Conference against Racism and Racial Discrimination, Durban, 2001

- Work experience with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Non-Aligned Movement, Group77 and China and IPU (Inter Parliamentary Union)

  Deputy Director, Department of Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, 2010-2011

  Deputy Director, Department of Human Rights, 2004-2007

Other educational activities:

Professor, Tehran Azad University, 199

Publications

- Political Theories, a text for university students of Tehran Azad University, 1990
- Economic Community of West African States, 1997

Eastern European States

Oliver Loode (Estonia)

Work experience

2005-present	Managing Director, Consumetric, Tallin
	Managed tourism development and place marketing consultancy focusing on the Baltic States and the Russian Federation
2010-2012	Producer, Hortus Litterarum Foundation, Tallin
	Generated concept and implemented international literary festival "Dovlatov Days in Tallinn" — highlight event of Tallinn 2011 — European Capital of Culture. Followed by the production of "II Dovlatov Days in Tallinn" in 2012
2003-2004	Representative of the Estonian Trade Council in Germany
	Established trade contacts between Estonian and German companies and promoted the Estonian economy
2001-2003	Managing Director, Consumetric, Tallin
	Implemented innovative market and consumer research projects for clients in financial and consumer goods industries in the Baltic States
1997-2001	Associate/Senior Associate, Vertex Partners/Braun Consulting, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America
1997	Analyst, Corestates Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America

Education and training

2012-present	MA in International Relations, Tallin University of Technology
1993-1997	BSc in Economics, magna cum laude, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Language skills

Estonian, English, Russian, German, Finnish

Social activism

Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the term 2014-2016

Member of the Board, U-Turn NGO (MTÜ U-Pööre), an independent civic society dedicated to preserving and developing the cultural heritage of Finno-Ugric peoples

Key activities (2011-2012):

- Head Organizer of the first International Finno-Ugric Branding Conference (October 2011, Tallinn)

- Participant at the eleventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (May 2012, New York)
- Initiator and Coordinator of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture programme (in cooperation with MAFUN — the Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples)
- Delegate of Estonia at the sixth World Congress of Finno-Ugric Peoples (September 2012, Hungary)

Aisa Mukabenova (Russian Federation)

Education

1985	Kalmyk State University Faculty: Philology Speciality: History
1996	Moscow State Institute of International Relations (International Law)

Work experience

1985-1989	Professor, History and Social Science
1989-1994	Postgraduate researcher (social and political science), Institute of Social Science, Academy of Sciences of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Institute of Social and Political Research, Russian Academy of Sciences
1994-2002	Leading expert, Deputy Head of Division, Head of Division, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Federation and Nationalities Affairs of the Russian Federation, National and Migration Policy of the Russian Federation (law-making in the sphere of inter-ethnic relations; analytical activities on issues of minorities and indigenous peoples; prevention and eradication of racism, xenophobia and discrimination; cooperation with ethnocultural non-governmental organizations; and involvement in the organization and implementation of projects on the protection of the cultural heritage and education of minorities and indigenous peoples)
2002-present	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, First Secretary of the Department for Compatriots Affairs and Human Rights; First Secretary, Counsellor, Senior Counsellor of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights

Participation in international forums

Participated in international forums within the framework of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe related to the issues of minorities and indigenous peoples, including expert mechanisms of the above-mentioned organizations, sessions of the General Assembly, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Human Rights Council, the Forum on Minority Issues and the Human Dimension Implementation meetings of the OSCE.

Languages

Russian, English

Latin American and Caribbean States

Jesús Guadalupe Fuentes Blanco (Mexico)

[Original: Spanish]

I was awarded a Bachelor's degree in accounting from the Faculty of Accounting and Administration of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

I was awarded a Bachelor's degree in law through the open education system of the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

I currently work as an independent consultant on civil law, including family law, commercial law, inheritance law and, in particular, the exercise of indigenous law.

Since 1986, I have organized social activities relating to the management and support of indigenous groups in Mexico City to provide those groups with the support that they need to live in an environment that is opposed to their environment of origin in terms of culture, worldview, geography, climate and customs, among other things, and, above all, to help these groups of migrant indigenous brothers and sisters as they are systematically and continuously subjected to discrimination and social marginalization by the new society in which they have settled.

Since 1989, I have also been involved in the establishment of various indigenous working groups and civil associations dedicated to actively pursuing and working for the recognition of our peoples and their rights, full access to justice and recognition of our identity as persons with specific characteristics, whether they are physical, cultural, philosophical or related to our worldview.

In 1992 we established a working group called Él es Dios (He is God), which strengthened the work that we, a group of young people, had been doing since 1986. At that time our activities were not coordinated, but the creation of the working group bestowed formality, certainty and identity on the mission and vision that we brought to the activities, which have continued to this day. The working group is currently cooperating with the government of Mexico City on projects in such areas as social justice, support and development of commerce and production, and health.

The group is still active, and I have had the honour and responsibility of being its president on two occasions, from 1992 to 1995 and from 2005 to 2008, with the recognition of several bodies of the government of Mexico City, namely the Secretariat of Rural Development and Equity for Communities, the Secretariat of Health and the Secretariat of Education, as well as the political delegations of the boroughs of Iztapalapa and Gustavo A. Madero.

In 2008 I became a consulting adviser on the Mexico City Village and Neighbourhood Council established by the government of Mexico City. I stepped down in 2009, as the values displayed and manifested by the Council were not consistent with my ideology and indigenous struggle.

In 2011 I applied for a post as an adviser for the Mexico City Metropolitan Area, representing the Mixteco people, on the Advisory Council of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples. I was elected and took up my post as national adviser in May 2011. I also joined the Working Group on the Exercise of Rights and Autonomy, whose members proposed that I should coordinate its work.

In May 2012, I was nominated as a candidate for President of the Advisory Council and elected to that post at our internal elections. My first mandate ran from May 2012 to December 2014.

As President of the Advisory Council, I had the great honour of participating in various projects, including work on electoral political rights in collaboration with the federal judiciary's electoral tribunal and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and projects relating to environmental governance with the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources and UNDP.

Subsequently, I worked with the members of the Advisory Council to identify the cross-cutting themes that we should consider in our programme of work and create a national agenda, with the following results:

- We developed a consultation protocol, which was applicable on a temporary basis in the absence of a law on the matter.
- We were involved in the incorporation of the indigenous agenda in the National Development Plan for 2013 to 2018.
- We were involved in the incorporation of themes in the Special Programme for Indigenous Peoples for 2013 to 2018.
- We drew up national and international agendas.
- The President of the Republic participated in our events to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples in San Juan Chamula, Chiapas, in 2014, and in the Otomi Ceremonial Centre in Temoaya, State of Mexico in 2015.
- Several indigenous councillors attended and participated in the sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York as part of the Mexican delegation in 2013, 2014 and 2015, where we had the opportunity to give a presentation on the working model of the Advisory Council to the international indigenous community at a parallel event.
- Several indigenous councillors attended and participated in the sessions of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva in 2013 and 2014.
- The Working Group was created to handle international issues.

In 2015 I once again stood for election to the Advisory Council of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples as Mixteco Councillor for the Federal District Metropolitan Area. I was elected and joined the Council for its fifth session, which officially began in March 2015.

I have been re-elected President of the Advisory Council for the period 2015 to 2018.

Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)

[Original: Spanish]

Tarcila Rivera Zea is one of the most well-known indigenous activists in Peru and the world.

Her accomplishments include founding the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas and the International Indigenous Women's Forum, networks that promote leadership and political participation for millions of indigenous women around the globe.

In 2011 she received a Ford Foundation Visionaries Award for her leadership, extraordinary vision and courageous work for indigenous women's rights. The following year she was selected by Michelle Bachelet to become a member of the Global Civil Society Advisory Group of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Rivera is the founder and president of the CHIRAPAQ Centre of Indigenous Cultures of Peru, an association that has been promoting the affirmation of indigenous identity and recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples for over 25 years with a view to building a more just, democratic and intercultural society.

Since the 1990s, CHIRAPAQ has promoted training for women indigenous leaders, many of whom have held public office in their communities, organizations and regional governments and are now active in the national and international indigenous movement.

She was born in the community of San Francisco de Pujas, Ayacucho, and moved to Lima at the age of 10, at which time she was monolingual. She became a domestic worker and completed her secondary education when she was 21 years old.

She went to work as a secretary at the National Institute of Culture in 1972, which at that time was under the leadership of Dr. Martha Hildebrandt. She was subsequently awarded a series of scholarships from the Organization of American States to specialize in archival and library science, which she studied in Argentina and the Vatican.

In the 1980s, she joined the Indian Council of South America as a journalist, contributing to the magazine *Pueblo Indio*. In that role, she collected testimonies of indigenous women who had been raped in prison during the political violence. In recognition of that work, she was invited by a Dutch foundation to study human rights at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.

Through her membership of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, which she joined in 1987, she contributed to the establishment of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

She also participated in the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), the World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995) and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (Durban, 2001), providing input into policies on intercultural education, empowerment and the visibility of indigenous women.

She is a member of the Indigenous Initiative for Peace headed by Rigoberta Menchú (winner of the Nobel Peace Prize); the Commission on Commercialization and Indigenous Intellectual Property of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas, of which she was Coordinator until December 2015; the El Pedregal Pact Follow-up Commission; and the Board of Directors of the Association for Women's Rights in Development. Within Peru, she is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bureau of Peruvian Women Parliamentarians.

In 2013 she received an award from the Committee of Women of the Congress of the Republic for her tireless efforts and dedication to serving the community.

In 2014 she was recognized by the Peruvian Ministry of Culture for her contribution to the defence of indigenous cultures and by the United Nations Children's Fund for her efforts to ensure the rights of indigenous children.

Gabriel Muyuy Jacanemejoy (Colombia)

[Original: Spanish]

Member of the indigenous Inga people of Colombia, with extensive experience working in the areas of human and academic development; expert in indigenous law and legislation, human rights and ethnic affairs, and environmental law; specialist in the rights to consultation and free, prior and informed consent, and comprehensive life plans; adviser, consultant and speaker at the national and international levels on social, cultural, political, economic and environmental issues; author of various publications on his specialist subjects.

Strong skills in community, social, political and cultural leadership, and capacity to work well in the public and private spheres.

Comprehensive practical knowledge of the different forums of United Nations agencies and the realities of indigenous peoples and their rights.

Consultant to international bodies such as the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, the office of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia, the Andean Community, the Development Bank of Latin America, the Inter-American Development Bank, Consultation III of the Organization of American States, the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, the German Agency for International Cooperation and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Consultant to private sector companies such as BHP Billiton, Cerro Matoso S.A., Gran Tierra Energy and ACDI/VOCA on matters of indigenous law and legislation.

Academic studies

Bachelor's degree in philosophy, Mariana University, Pasto, Nariño, Colombia, 1988.

Studies in anthropology, Pontifical Bolivarian University of Medellín, Colombia, 1983-1987.

Master's degree in government and public policy, Externado University of Colombia, Bogotá, 2007-2008.

Other studies

Course on Latin American philosophy of education, Mexico City, November-December 1987.

Course on the social, cultural, economic and political realities of Latin America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July-December 1989.

Languages

Speaks, reads and writes fluently in Quechua (mother tongue) and Spanish. Reads and understand English and French.

Work experience

October 2015-present: "Expert on mission" consultant, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia.

September 2014-September 2015: Consultant and adviser on various community and business processes in Colombia.

February 2011-August 2014: Adviser to the President and Director of the Presidential Programme for Indigenous Peoples of the Office of the President of the Republic of Colombia.

January-December 2010: Consultant and adviser to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Colombia, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and BHP Billiton.

April-December 2009: Coordinator of the training and capacity-building programme of the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean based in La Paz, Bolivia.

November 2008-March 2009: Consultant and adviser to the United Nations Development Programme and the office of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia.

April 2001-October 2008: Ombudsman for indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities of the Colombian Office of the Ombudsman.

July 2000-March 2001: Adviser to the Advance School of Public Administration (ESAP), European Union-ESAP Agreement, Colombia.

January-November 1999: Consultant to the United Nations Children's Fund, Colombia, and lecturer on indigenous law and legislation for law students at Nueva Granada Military University, Bogotá.

December 1991-July 1994: Senator of the Republic representing the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia.

July 1994-July 1998: Senator of the Republic representing the Colombian Indigenous Movement.

Western European and other States

Jens Dahl (Denmark)

Education

Magister (mag.scient/Ph.D.) in anthropology, February 1974

Key qualifications

- In-depth knowledge of indigenous peoples worldwide
- In-depth knowledge of Arctic indigenous issues, including self-government, social indicators, land rights and environmental issues
- Many years' experience working with indigenous peoples worldwide and practical and scientific work on indigenous issues
- Many years' experience working with indigenous peoples' projects
- In-depth knowledge of indigenous peoples and human rights

Employment history

2007-present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen
1998-2006	Director, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Copenhagen
1994-1998	Associate Professor, Department of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen
1989-1994	Executive Director, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), Copenhagen
1977-1989	Associate Professor, Department of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen
1976-1977	Assistant Professor, Department of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen
1975-1976	Researcher, Ministry for Greenland
1974-1975	Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Aarhus and University of Copenhagen

Field experience

Research experience includes long-time field research in Greenland and other Arctic countries and communities since 1980

Shorter and longer stay in indigenous communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific, the Russian Federation and the Arctic

Since 1989, a regular participant in United Nations meetings concerning indigenous issues

Primary publications

2012	*The Indigenous Space and Marginalized Peoples in the United Nations*, New York: Palgrave, December 2012.
2009	*IWGIA — a history*, Copenhagen: IWGIA.
2000	*Saqqaq — An Inuit Hunting Community in the Modern World*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
1992	*Indfødte Folk*. København: IWGIA (translated and published in a number of indigenous languages).
1986	*Arktisk Selvstyre*. København: Akademisk Forlag.

Brian Keane (United States of America)

Profile

Over 25 years working with indigenous peoples at the local, national and international levels. Extensive participation in international policymaking processes concerning climate change, human rights, development and the environment; working relationships with indigenous communities and organizations in the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific; wide-ranging experience promoting dialogue between indigenous peoples and governments, civil society and international development institutions.

Experience

Adviser on indigenous peoples' issues, 2013-present

Responsibilities include: (i) provide for the oversight and coordination of programmes, projects and activities of the United States Government to protect the rights and address the needs of indigenous peoples internationally; (ii) advise the Director of United States Foreign Assistance and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development on matters relating to the rights and interests of indigenous peoples internationally, and represent the United States Government on such matters in meetings with international financial institutions; (iii) develop and coordinate assistance strategies with specific goals, guidelines, benchmarks, and impact assessments.

Executive Director, Land is Life, 1992-2013

Land is Life is a coalition of indigenous communities and their representative organizations from around the world. The organization was founded at the historic World Conference of Indigenous Peoples on Territories, Environment and Development in May of 1992. Responsibilities include: fundraising; managing staff on three continents; coordinating indigenous peoples' participation in international meetings; facilitating collaboration among Land is Life international network of indigenous communities and organizations; organizing capacity-building workshops; providing strategic support to indigenous peoples in 17 countries.

Key accomplishments include:

- United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2002 to present:

Coordinated the participation of over 200 indigenous leaders in meetings of the Forum since its founding. Developed human rights capacity-building programmes for indigenous peoples, which are held each year at the Forum

- Kari-Oca II World Conference of Indigenous Peoples. Rio de Janeiro, 14-22 June 2012:

Co-organized the Kari-Oca II conference; bringing together nearly 500 indigenous people from around the world to prepare for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Created Indigenous Women's Programme of Land is Life, which provides financial, technical and other support to indigenous women's organizations around the world

Created Land is Life Small Grants Programme, which has provided nearly $1 million to indigenous communities for projects, meetings and travel expenses

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2009-2013

Coordinate the participation of indigenous peoples at Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Organize indigenous peoples' preparatory conferences in advance of Conferences

- *Seeking Balance — Indigenous Knowledge, Western Science and Climate Change*, 2011. Hosted international symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., on 4 October, bringing together indigenous peoples, scientists, United Nations programmes and United States governmental agencies to explore climate change, in depth, from different perspectives

Indigenous Peoples Voices on Climate Change, July 2011-January 2012

Organized a multimedia exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The exhibit was seen by nearly 1 million people.

- Organized the International Conference on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Alternatives and Solutions to the Climate Crisis. Baguio City, Philippines, November 2010

Conversations with the Earth (www.conversationsearth.org), 2008-present

Co-founded the international collaborative project that works to amplify the voices of indigenous peoples on climate change through participatory video and photo-stories. The photo-stories and videos have been exhibited around the world: in conjunction with United Nations climate change conferences; at national and international indigenous peoples' gatherings; film festivals; the United Nations; and the National Museum of Denmark

- Co-coordinated the participation of Papuan indigenous leaders in a hearing of the Asia, Pacific and Global Environment Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee — *Crimes against Humanity: When Will Indonesia's Military Be Held Accountable for Deliberate and Systematic Abuses in West Papua*? 22 September 2010

- Special Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council Representing the Land is Life's network of indigenous communities and organizations at United Nations meetings and conferences

Providing timely information to United Nations commissions, agencies and special rapporteurs on issues concerning indigenous peoples' rights.

- Organized yearly international delegations of indigenous leaders to Washington, D.C., to meet with members of United States Congress and Congressional staff to discuss climate change, human rights and other issues of concern to indigenous peoples, 2008-2013

Founding member, indigenous peoples climate change assessment project. International indigenous peoples' initiative on climate change and indigenous knowledge. The project is currently working with indigenous communities in

Africa, Asia, the Arctic and throughout the Americas to conduct climate change assessments using traditional knowledge and Western science

Advisory Council member, Asia-Pacific Indigenous Youth Network, 2010-present

Participant, United States State Department consultation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, July 2010

Adviser, Papua Customary Council, 2005-2013

Responsible for promoting dialogue between the Government of Indonesia and indigenous peoples of West Papua; documenting and calling international attention to human rights violations in West Papua, and building the capacity of local leaders to promote and protect their peoples' human, economic and territorial rights

Co-organizer Founding Conference of Call of the Earth Circle, 2001

International indigenous peoples' initiative on intellectual property rights and indigenous knowledge, organized in collaboration with United Nations University — Traditional Knowledge Institute

Adviser, World Bank Development Gateway, 2002-2004

Participant, World Bank Consultations on revision of their indigenous peoples' policies, 2001

Adviser, Global Environmental Facility, evaluation of medium-sized projects, 2000-2001

Co-organizer, Conference of the Indigenous Peoples of the Southern Cone Foz do Iguazu, Brazil, 1993

Organizing Committee member, World Conference of Indigenous Peoples on Territories, Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1993

Associate Producer. Award-winning film Yakoana, 1992-1997

Coordinator, Campaign for the Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Constitution of Argentina, 1993-1994

Participant, Inter-American Development Bank Consultations on Development of an Indigenous Peoples Fund, 1992-1993

Director, Rainforest Defense Fund, 1988-1992

Coordinator, SOS Sarawak Campaign, 1988-1990

Publications

Co-author, *Oil and Gas Project in the Western Amazon: Threats to Wilderness, Biodiversity and Indigenous Peoples*, published by Public Library of Science (PLoS One), August 2008

In the Footprints of Our Ancestors — Series of Interviews with Indigenous Leaders, Parabola Magazine, 2004-2005

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst — BA in Anthropology (Cum Laude), 1988

Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish

Conference participation

United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (2014)

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, 2012)

Kari-Oca II World Conference of Indigenous Peoples (Rio de Janeiro, 2012)

Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2009-2013)

Global Environmental Facility Council Meetings (1999-2013)

Indigenous Peoples Global Summit on Climate Change (Anchorage, Alaska, 2009)

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York, 2002-present)

United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations (Geneva, 1999-2005)

World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 2002)

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992)

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